

INFLUENZA WEEKLY UPDATE

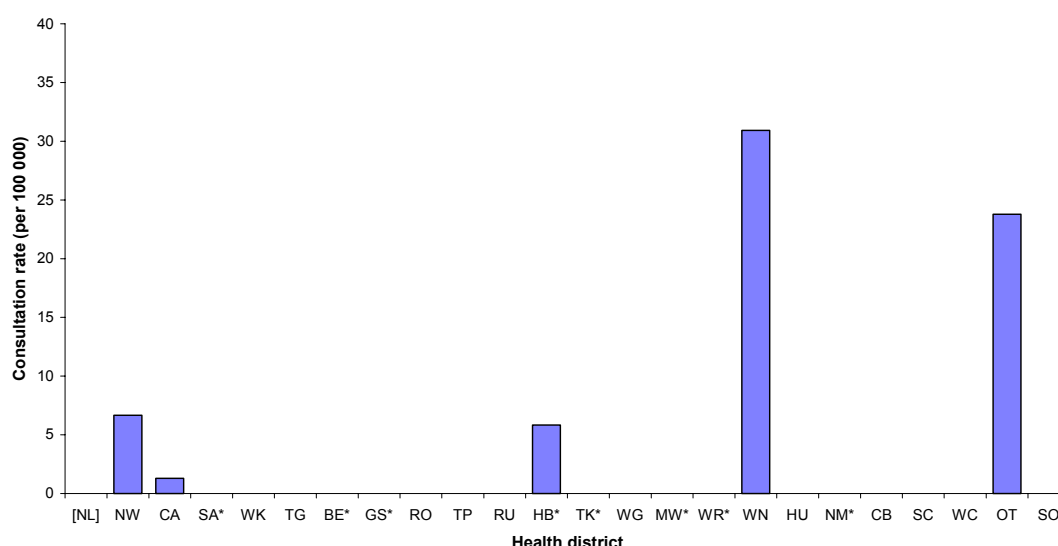
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In the past week, a total of 13 consultations for influenza-like illness were reported from 52 general practices in 12 out of 24 health districts. This gives a weekly consultation rate of 5.3 per 100 000 patient population.

Figure 1 compares the consultation rates for influenza-like illness for each health district over the past week. Wellington had the highest consultation rate (30.9 per 100 000), followed by Otago (23.8 per 100 000).

Figure 1

*Weekly consultation rates for influenza-like illness by health district
week ending 2 May 2004*



*Data was received from the health district
[] Health District not participating

Four swabs were sent from the sentinel surveillance in the past week. One swab was received by ESR virology laboratory. The influenza virus is yet to be identified.

No isolates were reported by regional virology laboratories from the laboratory-based (non-sentinel) surveillance.

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